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Applicants are aware of the information listed in the attached form that may be material to the prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

1. X A copy of the listed cited reference is enclosed for the Examiner's use. This is an English translation of an Office Action issued in a Chinese patent application corresponding to the present U.S. application. The English translation includes a paragraph which indicates the degree of relevance of DE 1 523 231 (previously cited in our Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 27, 2006) as found by the Chinese Examiner.
2. X Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
3. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1740.

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